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TWO MESA MEN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF STOLEN MAIL

PHOENIX – A federal grand jury in Phoenix returned a five count indictment against Daniel R. Diaz, 22, and Christopher D. Holguin, 20, both residents of Mesa, Ariz., for violations of Possession of Stolen Mail.

The indictment alleges that on December 19, 2006, Diaz and Holguin had in their position mail that had been removed from residential mail boxes in Mesa, Arizona. The two men were arrested by Mesa Police Officers. The two have been detained by a United States Magistrate Judge pending their arraignment on the charges set for Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

A conviction for Possession of Stolen Mail carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both. In the event of a conviction, Judge Roslyn O. Silver, assigned to this matter, will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining the actual sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Mesa Police Officers, and United States Postal Inspectors. The prosecution is being handled by Richard I. Mesh, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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